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Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2002, applicants elect the species of claim 24 of parenteral delivery. It is understood this is an election of species, and that all claims will be considered on the merits once the claims to the elected species are determined to be patentable. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month, up to and including July 14, 2002, and the appropriate fee for a small entity, are enclosed with this Response.

A Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney accompanies this response. All future correspondence concerning this application should be mailed to:

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